

SCH. ROBIN HOOD ASHORE

Was Driven on Woods Island, N. F., During a Storm.

Is Loaded with Herring and Cod for This Port.

Sch. Robin Hood, Capt. Stillman Malone, of Lubec, Me., is ashore at Woods Island, Bay of Islands, N. F. No particulars are given.

Sch. Robin Hood was formerly a Gloucester vessel, being sold a few years ago to Lubec parties, and has been of a long voyage on the Newfoundland coast. She had secured about 90,000 pounds of salt cod and put in at Bay of Islands, N. F., a few weeks ago and finished up by taking salt herring for the rest of her cargo.

She was bound to this port to market her fare and it was thought that she had sailed the first of last week. Evidently she was delayed and driven ashore from her anchorage off Wood's island during a heavy wind.

On account of lack of apparatus and material with which to conduct floating operations, the craft is in a bad position.

The message telling of the stranding of the vessel made no mention of captain or crew, but it is thought that they got ashore all right, otherwise the message would have told of the loss of men.

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FISH RECEIPTS LIGHT.

But Eight Fishing Arrivals at This Port in Nine Days.

Large Fleet of Boats at Boston with Small Fares.

Fresh fish continue in light receipt both at this port and at Boston. This morning there are 25 vessels at T wharf, three being off shore trips. The market boat fares show a slight improvement in quantity but the bulk of their catch is pollock and hake, the much desired cod and haddock still being shy.

Pollock appear to be everywhere. Ipswich bay is reported alive with them and even sch. John J. Fallon, from the off shore grounds has 25,000 pounds of them in her trip. "Ministers," the fishermen call pollock, while after being landed they often become known as "Boston Bay blues" and "winter bluefish." Even these are in very light receipt as compared with the enormous catch of last season.

At this port there is but one arrival, which has salt cod. Fish have been in very light receipt here for some time, there having been but eight arrivals here with fish since a week ago Sunday and all together they have not had a good-sized haul of fish. Many pollockers and market boats have been in port here on stormy days with fish but have not landed, going out and getting another day's fishing and then marketing at Boston. It is the regular winter dullness, only a little worse than usual.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Western Bank, deck handling, 60,000 lbs. salt cod.

Boats, 35 bbls. fresh herring.

Today's Fish Market.

Round pollock, 65 cts. per cwt.; gutted 70 cents.

Salt Georges cod, large \$4.00, mediums, \$3.25.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$3.62 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

Salt trawl bank cod, large, \$3.37 1-2; mediums, \$3; snappers, \$2.

Bank halibut 11 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.

Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.25 per cwt. for large and \$3 for markets.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2.00; mediums, \$1.60; Eastern cod, large, \$1.90; medium, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.60 to \$1.65; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 70 cts.

Eastern deck handline cod, \$4.00 for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

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Boston.

Sch. Flavilla, 2500 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Rose Standish, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Julietta, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Athena, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 16,000 pollock.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 1000 haddock, 500 cod, 9000 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 3000 haddock, 1500 cod, 6000 hake, 7000 cusk.

Sch. N. A. Rowe, 5000 cod.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 1500 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. John M. Keen, 2100 haddock, 1000 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Good Luck, 17,000 pollock.

Sch. John J. Fallon, 15,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake, 25,000 pollock.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 1000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Appomattox, 12,000 pollock.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Cynthia, 80,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Cherokee, 4000 cod.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 5000 cod.

Sch. Matiana, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Hortense, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 pollock.

Sch. Quonnapowitt, 17,000 haddock, 17,000 cod.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 9000 cod.

Sch. Volant, 15,000 pollock.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$2.50 to \$5.52; pollock, \$1.50

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream was at Shelburne, N. S., last week for water and supplies.

Sch. Titania was at Shelburne, N. S. last, week to make repairs on her windlass and to take water and supplies.

Sch. Lillian was at Shelburne, N. S., last week for a new main gaff.

Sch. Quonnapowitt, which is at Boston today, reports breaking her foregaff.

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GRAMPUS TO HAUL UP.

Poor Success This Season Collecting Pollock Eggs.

Capt. Hanson Will Have Steamer for Cod Egg Work.

The United States Fish Commission sch. Grampus arrived at this port yesterday and will haul up for the winter. The craft has been engaged in collecting cod and pollock eggs, and Capt. Hanson of the schooner will now continue the work of collecting cod eggs for the Ten Pound Island hatchery in the Newport steamer Seven Brothers, which has been chartered for that work, the Grampus being too deep draft for work around Plymouth, where the egg collecting will be done.

A crew of five men went to Newport today to fit out the steamer and bring her around the Cape. Capt. Hanson will have a crew of 12 men and possibly more to assist in the work of egg taking when the craft goes into commission.

Capt. Hanson reports that the season, as far as collecting pollock eggs is concerned had been a very poor one compared with the past few years. In all he has collected since October 28 about 55,000,000 pollock eggs, which he calls a small take. He says that the body of pollock has been off shore all the fall and has not come inside the Ridges.

Yesterday he was over in Ipswich bay, and the boats there, some 15 sail, were doing nothing, but up off Newburyport beach, close in, those who were working with seines made fine hauls of small pollock and market cod.

The scarcity of pollock has caused the captain to give up trying to get any more pollock eggs and to give his attention to the cod catchers off Plymouth.

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Nova Scotia Lobster Season.

The Nova Scotia lobster fishing season opens today. It is expected that the operations will not be so extensive as in previous years.

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WORSE AND MORE OF IT.

Dogfish Aid Bad Weather to Bother the Fishermen.

Skippers from the Eastward All Tell Hard Stories.

All the offshore haddockers at T wharf, Boston, yesterday and today report the worst possible weather on the Cape Shore and Western Bank, and as if this were not enough hamper on them in their fishing operations, the dogfish ate the fish when they did get a chance to set. Fortunate indeed was the skipper who was able to get clear of these pests, for he was sure to find lots of fish.

Capt. Hipson of sch. Quonnapowitt had been out three weeks, about all that time bucking gales on Western bank. he schooner had her foregaff broken and some of the deck fittings swept away by a heavy sea which boarded her.

Capt. Geoffrey Thomas of sch. Cynthia, which had such a Klondike trip yesterday, and was the lucky man out of the whole bunch, had the bad weather, the same as the others, but fortunately set clear of the dogfish right on the finest kind of a haddock spot, and by fishing hard and making the most of every chance picked up the big fare which put them "on easy street."

Capt. William H. Thomas of sch. Thomas S. Gorton, who knows Western bank as well as he knows the way from Chisholm's wharf, where he lays his vessel, to his home on Marchant street, said that this was one of the worst trips he ever made to the eastward. It blowed about all the time, and when it didn't blow, the dogfish got in their work. The fishing on the bank was very spotty and the trip was a hard one all around.

Capt. John Lowrie of the big gasoline sch. Elizabeth Silsbee had been down Liseomb way and later tried up off the cape. He told the same story as the others, bad weather and dogfish and plenty of both, with fish very scarce, a most undesirable combination.

Fish are a pretty good price at T wharf today, as they were yesterday, but they are worth all they are paying for them when the danger and hard work in catching them is considered.

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BAD WEATHER, FISH SCARCE

So Reports Capt. George E. Heckman of Sch. Slade Gorton.

Probable Cause of Long Trips by Several Vessels of Fleet.

A telegram to the Times this afternoon from Capt. George E. Heckman of sch. Slade Gorton, one of the winter haddocking fleet of this port, reports that vessel at Goldboro, N. S., today for a harbor. Capt. Heckman also reports very bad weather and fish scarce.

A large number of the larger vessels are known to be down that way and making rather long trips, and probably they are finding conditions the same as Capt. Heckman states, which accounts for their not being to market when expected.

Capt. Heckman and his crew are evidently interested in the result of the recent election here, for he wanted to know who was elected mayor and how the city went in the license question.

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Lost Part of Trawls.

The little shore fishing sch. Julietta, Capt. Peterson, which has been doing so well recently, reached Boston yesterday with a small fare and reported losing quite a lot of her trawls on a rough set off here Saturday morning. It came on to blow so hard that the dories could not go to haul, so the crew considered them "planted" for keeps, went to market with their fare.

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VERY FRANK EDITORIAL.

Newfoundland's Position Is Very Openly Stated.

BY HARBOR GRACE STANDARD.

On Possible United States Revision of Fish Tariff.

The Harbor Grace, N. F., Standard, in its recent issue reprints the recent editorial of the Times on "Tariff Revision," and then treats the subject editorially, to the extent of nearly a column.

The Standard naturally looks at the matter through Newfoundland glasses, and in the course of its statements and deductions does not hesitate to speak plainly on several points. It openly tells what a great boon to Newfoundland would be the reduction of duty on fish by the United States and broadly intimates that the attitude of Premier Bond toward the American fisheries interest has been taken and continued because the Bond-Hay treaty was held up in the Senate.

Because the utterances are made editorially and came from a paper of high standing in Newfoundland, and one which has also been a staunch, consistent supporter of the Bond regime, they must be taken as authoritative, if not inspired and are of much importance at this time as showing where Newfoundland stands on our talk of tariff revision and as showing that a reduction of fish duties would benefit that island province and of course be to the disadvantage of the fishing interest of New England.

From the editorial referred to, the Times reprints the following significant paragraphs:

"The representations in Congress of the Gloucester and other protected fish interests were always powerful enough to say with effect to the representatives of the other protected interests—manufacturing and otherwise—even able to say to them, 'If you do not back us up in keeping out Newfoundland and other foreign fish, we will not back you up in getting all the protection you want for your cottons, woollens, hardware, lumber, coal, &c. Consequently the fish-eating millions have to pay dearer for their fish than otherwise. The members that favored their real interests were unable to assist them. We had to see our fish shut out of this prospective market.'"

"How it will be now is doubtful. The prospects of a change in this policy are perhaps brighter. The anti-monopolist advocates are we believe more influential and more aggressive. The Gloucester Times evidently thinks that there is some danger of Gloucester's interests suffering unless their champions, Senator Lodge and Congressman Gardner are on the alert. A reduction of the duty on our fish-products would be a great boon to this country.

"The fact that want of reciprocity creates great friction with Canada and Newfoundland, will no doubt weigh somewhat with the broader-minded of American statesmen. But whether all the influences in favor of law or no duties on fish products will outweigh the influence of the fishery monopolistic interests, is doubtful. The protective tariff octopus is a mighty creature, with long-reaching, firm-holding and exceeding powerful arms. Had the Democrats gained the day in the late struggle the outlook from our point of view would likely have been better.

"It is quite possible, however, that the Bond-Hay Treaty or some modification of it may stand a better chance with the senate, by and by, than it has done in the past.

"It should not be forgotten that the prime object of the Hon. Sir Robert Bond in entering on the struggle he has so long been engaged in was to open to our people the American market for our products. The United States government were willing to negotiate the treaty, the senate was led by the nose, so to speak, by the Gloucester interests, said nay.

"He (Bond) then took the stand that if the United States would not admit our products, they could not rightly expect to enjoy the exceptional advantages that we had allowed them to enjoy for nothing, pending the making of a reciprocity arrangement. This attitude was reasonable and patriotic, and had the British government backed him up in it, greater success would have been the result. As it is, it is quite possible that his

struggles for this country's interests as a whole versus those of aggressive Gloucester may have paved the way for opening up to some extent at least of a great market to the products of this country of Newfoundland. Every patriotic Newfoundlander of every political complexion will to that say amen."

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HERRING NOW SCARCE.

No Frost Yet Reported at Bay of Islands, N. F.

Skipper Are Busy with Lumber Building Scaffolds.

And still the advance guard of the expected and eagerly awaited herring fleet fails to show up. That the dealers are anxious for herring goes without saying and now to worry them still more, the latest dispatches from Bay of Islands state that frost is still holding off and that herring are now scarce in the Arms.

Telegrams from Birney Cove last night state that sch. Blanche is loaded with salt herring and on the way, also that the big knockabout sch. Arethusa and sch. Corona have both loaded salted cargoes and sailed for home. Another dispatch says that sch. Dauntless has also completed loading salt herring and sailed yesterday or today, weather permitting. From the same source it is learned that sch. Alice R. Lawson will finish up loading salt herring and sail today. Sch. Arthur James, with a salted cargo, is supposed to have been on the way since last Wednesday.

Sch. Logomar, Capt. Charles Stewart, which sailed from here a week ago Saturday, must have had a fine chance and her skipper must have driven her right along, as she arrived there early last Wednesday. Sch. Saladin arrived there last Sunday.

A letter to the Times, from Birney Cove, dated Friday, says that the morning opened somewhat frosty, with indications that in a short time the Humber will be frozen or at least skimmed over.

The skippers of the crafts in the Arms for frozen cargoes are getting busy with their lumber and building scaffolds.

Up to Friday the vessels had been doing very well indeed, the past few days, considering the bad weather.

The recent arrivals at the bay were schs. Lena and Maud, Patrician, Aloha, Arkona, Smuggler, Essex and Fannie A. Smith.

Sch. Patrician came up the Humber on Friday to enter at the custom house and land the crew of sch. M. B. Stetson, whom they picked off out in the gulf just before their craft foundered.

As far as can be learned the vessels which have sailed for home or will sail today with cargoes are schs. Clontonia and Annie M. Parker, with pan frozen cargoes, and schs. J. J. Flaherty, T. M. Nicholson, Indiana, Henry M. Stanley, Claudia, Arthur James, Corona, Arethusa, Dauntless, Blanche and Alice R. Lawson with salted cargoes.

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SPANISH MACKEREL CATCHES.

Snappers So Plenty Many Thrown Away at Pensacola.

A correspondent of the New York Fishing Gazette at Miami, Fla., says:

"Six strikes of Spanish mackerel have been made with purse seines at Long Key, Florida, up to date. In all about 9000 pounds have been taken, and packed and shipped from Miami. On December 6, 18,000 pounds were brought there for shipment. The same date one carload of king mackerel was shipped. These fish were taken with hook and line trawling off Miami.

"Reports from Pensacola announce that the mackerel catch there has been heavy.

"About 40,000 pounds of red snapper were thrown away at Pensacola recently because of the market glut of that species of fish."

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Sch. W. H. Moody, Western Bank, deck handlining, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Sadie A. Kimball Southwest Harbor, Me., cured fish.
Sch. Cynthia, via Boston.
Sch. Moanan, via Boston.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.
Sch. Bellina P. Domingoes, shore.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
Sch. Ramona, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Good Luck, shore.
Sch. Volant, shore.
Sch. Georgianna, shore.
Sch. Nellie Dixon, shore, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Carrie C., Western Bank, deck handlining, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.

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Boston.

Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 cusk.
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 20,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Little Fannie, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Sylvester, 2000 cod.
Sch. Marion, 1000 cod, 1500 pollock.
Sch. Josie and Phebe, 19,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 22,000 hake, 7000 pollock.
Sch. Jessie Costa, 5000 haddock, 7000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Galatea, 3000 haddock, 4500 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod, 5000 hake, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 14,000 hake.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 1500 hake, 3000 cusk, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Lillian, 2800 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Dorothy, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Almeida, 11,000 pollock.
Sch. Emily Sears, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Harmony, 20,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 5000 cusk.
Sch. Mabel Bryson, 17,000 cod.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 7000 hake.
Sch. Reliance, 8000 pollock.
Sch. Valentinna, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Viking, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1500 hake.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 2000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Ralph Russell, 12,000 pollock.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.
Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$2 to \$1.50; pollock, \$1.

Dec. 16.

MADE FINE TRIP.

But Sch. W. H. Moody Encountered Very Bad Weather.

Sch. W. H. Moody, Capt. Andrew Gorve-neau, arrived this morning from a deck handline trip to Western bank, with one of her usual fine trips, 45,000 pounds of salt cod. Capt. Gorve-neau reports very bad weather to the eastward, he losing three anchors, all the vessel had, and was obliged to put in on the Cape Shore and get one.